

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

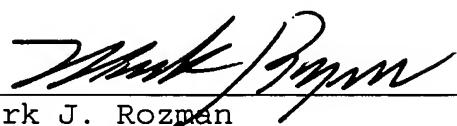
Pending claims 1-11, 13, 14 and 16-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,353,059 (Lawlor). As to claim 1, Lawlor does not disclose identifying noise in a first portion of a video frame. In this regard, Lawlor analyzes a video frame by checking for data errors, not noise. *E.g.*, Lawlor, col. 7. These data errors are determined by analysis of error correction codes and, if an error exists, an error flag is set. These data errors are not noise. Thus claim 1 and claims 2-8 depending therefrom are patentable over Lawlor. For the same reasons, claims 9-24 are similarly patentable.

With regard to claim 25, Lawlor does not disclose replacing a first portion of a video frame with a second portion if a comparison between results obtained from the portions to indicates noise. This is true because, as discussed above, Lawlor does not identify noise; instead, Lawlor looks for data errors occurring in data transmission. Thus claims 25-30 are patentable over Lawlor. New claims 31-33 depend from claim 1 and for at least this reason are also patentable over the cited art.

In view of these remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504.

Respectfully submitted,

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